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SUBJ: RESULTS OF LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS

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1. LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS WERE HELD THROUGHOUT UPPER VOLTA
ON APRIL 30 WITHOUT INCIDENTS, EXCEPT FOR THE DISAPPEARANCE
IN TENKODOGO OF A BALLOT BOX WHICH WAS LATER RECOVERED.
THE RATE OF ABSTENTIONS WAS MUCH HIGHER THAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED.
LESS THAN HALF OF THE REGISTERED VOTERS ACTUALLY
WENT TO THE POLLS. SEVERAL REASONS ARE BEING VIEN FOR
THIS HIGH RATE OF ABSTENTIONS. SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT
EARLY RAINS THREE DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTIONS KEPT MANY FARMERS
WORKING IN THEIR FIELDS. OTHERS BELIEVE THAT RURAL VOTERS
GENERALLY WERE CONFUSED HAVING TO CHOOSE BETWEEN EIGHT
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POLITICAL PARTIES WITH PRACTICALLY THE SAME PROGRAMS.
IN THE CITIES, YOUNG VOTERS REFUSED TO GO TO THE
POLLS ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE SAME OLD "DISCREDITED"
PARTIES AND POLITICIANS WERE COMPETING FOR THE ASSEMBLY
SETAS.

2. AS WAS EXPECTED THE UDV-RDA CAME OUT ON TOP WITH

27 DEPUTIES. NEXT WAS THE UNDD WITH 13 DEPUTIES,
THE UPV WITH 9, THE PRA WITH 5 AND THE UNI WITH 2. NONE
OF THE OTHER PARTIES RECEIVED ENOUGH VOTES TO ELECT ANY
OF THEIR CANDIDATES.

3. AMONGH THE RDA CANDIDATES ELECTED WERE: JOSEPH
OUEDRAOGO, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
AND CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS: GERARD
KONGO OUEDRAOGO, FORMER PRIME MINISTER, DR. JOSEPH
CONOMBO, FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER; DR. TINGA DOUAMBA,
MINISTER OF HEALTH; YANTANGOU THIOMBIANO, TRADITIONAL CHIEF
OF THE GOURMANCHES; AMADOU TAMBOUA, MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT
AND TOURISM; OUMAROU DAO, MINISTER OF EDUCATION; AUGUSTIN
WININGA, MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

4. AMONG OTHER PARTIES, THE FOLLOWING PERSONALITIES WERE
ELECTED: HERMAN YAMEOGO, SON OF FORMER PRESIDENT (UNDD);
EMMANUEL ZOMA, MINISTER OF COMMERCE (UNDD);
MACAIRE OUEDRAOGO, UNSK CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY (UNDD);
MADAME L. FLORENCE NIGNAN, ONLY WOMAN CANDIDATE ELECTED
(UNDD); JOSEPH KI-ZERBO, UPV CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY
(UPV); ALFRED KABORE, FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER (UPV);
ALI LANKOANDE, FORMER MINISTER OF EDUCATION (UPV);
ZOUMANA TRAORE, FORMER MINISTER OF LABOR (PRA);
WELTE ISSA PALE (PRA) SECRETARY GENERAL (PRA);
MODOU SERE, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR CIVIL SERVICE (PRA);
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MOUSSA KARGOUGOU, FOREIGN MINISTER (UNI).

5. ACCORDING TO THE NEW CONSIDITUTION, ONLY THREE
PARTIES (THE RDA, THE UNDD, AND THE UPV) WILL REMAIN AFTER
THE ELECTIONS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE PRA AND UNI DEPUTIES
WITH JOIN THE UDV-RDA WHICH WOULD THEN HAVE 35 SEATS,
A WORKABLE MAJORITY, IN THE NEW ASSEMBLY. GRAHAM

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